Namrup Fertilizer Plant

3061. SHRI KARNENDU BHATTACHARJEE: Will the Minister of CHEMICALS AND FERTILIZERS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have taken decision to set up another unit of-the Namrup Fertilizer Plant (Namrup-IV);

(b) if so, the additional capacity to be installed, its estimated cost, schedule for implementation and other details; and

(c) the steps, so far, taken in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF CHEMICALS AND FERTILIZERS (SHRI B.K. HANDIQUE): (a) to (c) The matter of setting-up another unit of the Namrup Fertilizer Plant (Namrup-IV, of M/s. Brahmputra Valley Fertilizer Corporation Ltd. is under the consideration of the Government. In this context, a Techno-Economic Feasibility Report prepared by M/s. Projects & Development India Limited is being examined.

Hindi labelling on medicines

†3062. SHRI DATTA MEGHE: Will the Minister of CHEMICALS AND FERTILIZERS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that from October 2nd onwards, it would be compulsory to print the name and price of the medicines in Hindi on the label besides English;

(b) if so, whether other information in English provided on the labels of the medicines are also to be printed in Hindi so that people can understand them easily; and

(c) if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF CHEMICALS AND FERTILIZERS (SHRI B.K. HANDIQUE): (a) to (c) Based on the decision taken in the Pharmaceutical Advisory Forum in its meeting held on 11.2.2006 this Department has requested various Pharmaceutical Industry Associations to print the name, price, date of manufacturing and expiry on medicinal labels in Hindi also with effect from 2.10.2006 onwards. No formal notification/order has been issued in this regard.

† Original notice of the question was received in Hindi